REMARKS

Examiner H. M. Lee is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject Patent Application.

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of Claims 1-5 and 8-11 as being unpatentable over Babcock et al in view of Jun et al is requested in accordance with the following remarks.

U.S. Patent 6,406,948 Jun et al is believed to have been used by the Examiner as prior art to the subject application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

U.S. Patent 6,406,948 is removed as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 103 {c} because the referenced patent and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person. Please see the following 103 {c} statement:

35 U.S.C. 103 {c} statement

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Application 09/775,572 and U.S. Patent 6,406,948 were, at the time the invention of

Application 09/775,572 was made, commonly owned by Chartered Semiconductor

Manufacturing Ltd., Singapore.

With the removal of U.S. 6,406,948 as a reference under 102(e), the above rejection is

now considered moot.

Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of Claims 1-5 and 8-11 as being

unpatentable over Babcock et al in view of Jun et al is requested in accordance with the remarks

above.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should Examiner Lee not find that the Claims are now Allowable that

the Examiner call the undersigned at 765 4530866 to overcome any problems preventing.

allowance.

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